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Anti-violence message shapes pilot program for La Porte students

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In an effort to bring the issue of societal violence to the local level, the La Porte Police Department and La Porte Junior High School have created a pilot program that generates discussion among students.

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is national program that will serve to teach young people about the ramifications of violence on a national level and how it relates to them.

"It's a response to violence that has occurred across the nation and the world today," said Terri Cook, director of public relations for the LPISD.

Through activities, educational tools that involve students, parents and the community, SAVE promotes an anti-violence stance that also serves as a measure for prevention.

"They heard about the SAVE program and decided it would be something they could do to help spread the message of non-violence," Cook said.

Throughout the United States, SAVE encourages young people to play a significant role in curbing violence in their culture.

Student-initiated, the program works as an educational tool for young people in the community to actively work to promote an anti-violence message by various projects that relate to social issues linked to violence like crime prevention and providing and encouraging positive peer influence.

"This is a very active, energetic and enthusiastic campus and these are junior high kids who are always looking for ways to make a difference," said Cook.

For information on SAVE, contact La Porte Police School Resource Officer Matt Parsons at 281-604-6787, or via email at: parsonsm@laportetx.gov.